

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

APRIL 15, 2019

The Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education held their Regular Board meeting at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center on April 15, 2019.

President Andy Pushchak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Eric Duda, Dr. Bill Hallock, Mr. Josh Paris, Mrs. Julie Pikiewicz, Mr. Marty Pushchak, Mrs. Brenda Sandberg, Mr. Aaron Snippert, Mrs. Amanda Thayer-Zacks, and Dr. Andy Pushchak attended. Also in attendance were Mr. Kenneth Berlin, Superintendent; Dr. Leslee Hutchinson, Assistant to the Superintendent; Mrs. Vicki Bendig Business Administrator and Attorney Christine McClure, Solicitor.

Roll Call

Dr. Pushchak announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to this evening's meeting to discuss Personnel matters.

Emma O'Donnell led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mrs. Sandberg, seconded by Mr. Snippert to approve the agenda and addendum as presented. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Agenda

Motion by Mr. Snippert, seconded by Dr. Hallock to approve the meeting minutes from the March 18, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and the April 8, 2019 Work Session. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Barboni introduced Emma O'Donnell of the elementary center. Emma coordinated a fundraiser for the Erie Human Society, Pennies for Pets, which raised close to \$1,000 in funds along with donations of pet food and toys. She has been nominated for WJET's Good Kids and will be featured on the segment in the near future. Dr. Pushchak thanked Emma for her efforts and shared how proud the Board is of her. Mr. Berlin thanked Emma for her hard work and effort she put into this project.

School Reports

Thomas Lynde of the SHS Student Council updated the Board on the activities of the student council. He shared that they have reopened the school store and are selling Bobcat Pride items. Each board member received a Bobcat static window cling.

Mr. Caspar introduced Connor Duda and Amanda Gryskivicz who were musician state qualifiers. Both shared their experiences of attending competition. Mr. Caspar also shared that attending the festivals allows him to attend workshops held during the festivals. This provides a learning experience for him also.

Mrs. Wehan shared that WAMS Reed Yost has qualified for the National Competition in Reno, NV. Reed placed 2nd in the all-around; 2nd in parallel bars, 3rd in high bar and 4th in pommel horse.

Dr. Pushchak and Mr. Berlin both reiterated that the Board and administration is extremely proud of our students and their work and accomplishments. It is good to hear all the great things our student are doing.

Mr John Frombach the Regional Chapter of Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PSABO) presented Eric Schultz with the David L. Nett Award for Leadership. Eric has been the districts representative and the regional chapter of School Facilities president for the past 3 years. The regional chapter has nearly doubled. He continues to be a great asset to the district and region. Dr. Pushchak and Mr. Berlin congratulated Eric on a job well done and an award well deserved.

Yelena Kokhanevich addressed the board with her concerns about student bullying and threats. This will be looked into more in-depth.

Emily Plymer, Morgan Schmitt, Carly Collins, Madisyn Lapenz and Jordan Morschhauser addressed the board concerning the proposed A/B Scheduling at the high school and how it will impact the students. Dr. Pushchak thanked the girls for coming to speak and sharing their concerns.

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Mr. Snippet to approve the following reports, payments and invoices as presented:

- Revenue & Expenditure Reports
 - [General Fund](#): \$9,282,514.66
 - [Cafeteria Report](#): \$5,638.63 YTD (\$15,260.77)
- Checks and Invoices
 - [Exhibit A1](#) Checks Already Written: \$136,004.60
 - [Exhibit A2](#) Checks Already Written: \$10,483.96
 - [Exhibit A3](#) General Fund Bills: \$336,156.73
 - [Exhibit B](#) Cafeteria Bills: \$26,066.16
 - [Exhibit D](#) SHS Activity Fund Report: \$67,719.43

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Snippet, seconded by Mrs. Sandberg to approve the Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contract to complete additional Phase 4 Upgrades at WAMS funded out of the Capital Projects Fund as outlined in [Exhibit E](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Snippet, seconded by Dr. Hallock to approve the following:

- Upgrades to WAMS flooring, restrooms, lockers, and gymnasium funded out of the Capital Projects Fund as outlined in [Exhibit E](#).

Business Administrator's Report

Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contract

WAMS Upgrades

Northwest

- The Lease Agreement between Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit #5 and WASD for rental of WAEC space July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 as outlined in [Exhibit G](#).
- The use of SHS and WAEC and football field on August 4-5, 2019 by Lake Erie Fanfare/Madison Scouts for housing and rehearsal site at no cost to the requestor.

Tri-County IU5 Classroom Lease

Facility Use Request

Motion approved by a voice vote with one opposing vote (Mrs. Sandberg).
Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Sandberg, seconded by Mr. Snippert to approve Stephanie Becker, Donald Fuller, Ashley Wells, and Brittany Zajac as additions to the Kelly Educational Staffing Substitute List. Motion approved by a voice vote with one abstention (Mr. Duda). Motion carried.

Kelly Educational Staffing Substitutes

Motion by Mrs. Sandberg, seconded by Mr. Snippert to approve the following:

- William Kuhn as an addition to the WASD Service Substitute List
- The following personnel appointments:
 - Sara Land as Payroll Supervisor and approve the Act 93 Compensation Agreement between Mrs. Land and WASD effective April 29, 2019 through June 30, 2019*and the Act 93 Compensation Agreement effective July 1, 2019.
 - Amanda Ewanick as Long-Term WAEC Special Education Teacher anticipated May 2, 2019 through June 7, 2019 at Bachelor's, Step 1*
 - Shanna Robinson as Special Education Secretary, Class A, 8 hours/day, 260 days/year effective April 15, 2019.
- The following leave requests:
 - A leave of absence utilizing FMLA and paid time off for Julie Danowski effective August 21, 2019.
 - A leave of absence utilizing FMLA and paid time off for Dana Miller effective September 16, 2019.
- The following conference requests:
 - Leslee Hutchinson to attend Region 5 Spring Workshop (ECHY) on May 10, 2019 in Grove City, PA at an estimated cost of \$85.00. Funds from Title I.
 - Guy White, Matt Harman and Josh Thayer to attend Tech Talk Live X May 6-8, 2019 in Lancaster, PA at an estimated cost of \$2,500. Funds from Technology.
 - Jeff Gifford to attend Safety: Ladder, Back and Hazard on May 7, 2019 in Erie, PA at an estimated cost of \$142.58. Funds from Maintenance.
- Summer School Teachers to be paid at the contractual rate according to the WASD/WEA Collective Bargaining Unit as follows:
 - Seneca High School:
 - Susan Nolan - Mathematics
 - Michelle Leone – Science
 - Chris Langer-Williamson – English
 - Wattsburg Area Middle School

Service Substitute

Personnel Appointments

Leave Requests

Conference Requests

Summer School Teachers

- – English
- – Science
- – Grades 5 & 6
- Extended School Year Teacher throughout the month of July 2019 and possibly into August 2019 to be paid at contractual rate according to the WASD/WEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement:
 - In-Home
 - Pam Carson
 - Dave Hammer
 - Noelle Naughton
 - Ray Trejchel
 - LSS ESY
 - Dave Hammer
 - Victoria Pawlak

Extended School Year Teachers

- Ryan Alloway, Danielle Turner, and Braydon White as Technology Summer Help at \$10.00/hour effective June 10, 2019.
- The daily substitute teacher rate of \$95.

Technology Summer Help

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Mr. Berlin introduced Sara Land to the Board. Sara will begin with the district April 29, 2019. Welcome Sara.

Motion by Dr. Hallock, seconded by Mrs. Sandberg to approve the following:

- The contract for Language Instructional Education Program Services between Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit and WASD for the 2019-2020 school year as outlined in [Exhibit H](#).
- The revisions to the graduation requirements as outlined in [Exhibit I](#).

LIEP Services

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Graduation Requirements

Motion by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Snippert to approve the renewal of the revised Sapphire Suite Software Agreement as outlined in [Exhibit J](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Sapphire Suite Software Agreement

Motion by Mr. Duda, seconded by Dr. Hallock to approve transportation requests and ratification of field trips since last meeting as outlined:

Transportation Requests

| Group Requesting: | Date: | Destination: | Estimated Cost: | Funds By: |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|--------------------|
| Grade 5 | Friday, April 26, 2019 | Tinseltown/S&S Buffet | \$965.00 | |
| Grade 1 | Friday, May 10, 2019 | Children's Museum Blasco Library | \$900.00 | PTO |
| Grade 2 | Friday, May 17, 2019 | Erie Playhouse Greenfield Township Playground | \$1,320.00 | PTO |
| Middle School Tutors | Friday, May 24, 2019 | Cedar Point | \$1,490.00 | Special Education |
| Fuel Up To Play 60 WAMS/WAEC | Thursday, May 30, 2019 | Heinz Field, Pittsburgh, PA | \$639.00 | Fuel Up to Play 60 |

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| Kindergarten | Monday, June 3, 2019 | Erie Zoo | \$675.00 | PTO |
| Yearbook Editors | Thursday, May 16, 2019 | Buffalo Zoo | \$317.26 | Yearbook Financed |
| Grade 7 | Tuesday, June 5, 2019 | Niagara Fall, NY Galleria Mall, Buffalo | \$3,936.00 | Student Activities Principal |
| Trout in Classroom | Thursday, May 16, 2019 | South Branch French Creek McDonald's (Union City) | \$482.00 | Student Activities Substitute |
| WAMS Envirothon Team | Thursday, May 9, 2019 | ECCD Headwaters Park Wendy's (Wagner/Rt 8) | \$794.00 | Student Activities Substitute |
| Teen Driving Competition | Monday, April 29, 2019 | 7300 Grubb Road, McKean | No Cost | NA |
| Seneca LSS | Friday, May 10, 2019 | Northwestern High School McDonald's (Albion) | \$200.00 | Special Education |

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Thayer-Zacks, seconded by Dr. Hallock to approve Kymberly Braine, Athena Cardiges and Dorothy Dworek as additions to the WASD Volunteer List. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

WASD Volunteer List

Motion by Mrs. Thayer-Zacks, seconded by Mr. Pushchak to approve Jay Pikiewicz as Head Soccer Coach, Step 6 for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion approved by a voice vote with one abstention (Mrs. Pikiewicz). Motion carried.

Athletic Appointments

Motion by Mrs. Sandberg, seconded by Mr. Pushchak to declare outdated math textbooks outlined in [Exhibit K](#) as surplus. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Surplus Items

No report from ECTS or NW Tri-County Intermediate Unit.

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion by Mrs. Sandberg, seconded by Mr. Snippert, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
School Board Secretary